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Crop Weather Report



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For the Week Ending:

Weather Summary

Montana received light precipitation for the week ending October 5th. St. Ignatius received the most weekly accumulated precipitation at 0.63 of an inch. Highs were mostly in the 70s to 80s, and lows were mostly in the 20s and 30s. Martinsdale and Hardin shared the high temperature of 87 degrees, and Wisdom had the low of 19 degrees. Topsoil moisture adequate and surplus, at 64 percent, is unchanged from last week, above last year's 52 percent, and above the 5-year average of 43 percent. Subsoil moisture adequate and surplus is 44 percent, below last week's 47 percent, but above last year's 31 percent and the five-year average of 24 percent. The number of days suitable for field work was 6.3 days, unchanged from the previous week.

The weather outlook for October 13th through October 19th is for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation both east and west of the continental divide. Normal temperatures for this period in Montana are highs in the mid 50s to the mid 60s and lows in the mid 20s to the upper 30s.

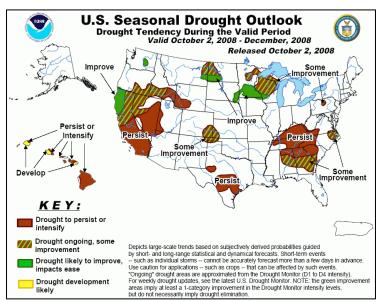
Field Crops Report

Eighty-two percent of winter wheat is planted compared to 52 percent the previous week. Silage cutting is well underway, and farmers began harvesting corn for grain this past week. Corn condition declined slightly with 81 percent good to excellent compared to 84 percent the previous week. Sugar beet condition is similar to the previous week with 10 percent of the crop now harvested. Remaining barley, spring wheat, and durum wheat harvest is nearly complete.

Crop Condition Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg	
Corn					
Very Poor	1	1	1	n/a	
Poor	2	2	2	n/a	
Fair	16	13	7	n/a	
Good	62	63	73	n/a	
Excellent	19	21	17	n/a	
Sugar Beets					
Very Poor	1	1	0	4	
Poor	10	9	1	7	
Fair	18	19	7	21	
Good	53	55	72	46	
Excellent	18	16	20	22	

Crop Progress Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg	
Planted					
Winter Wheat	82	82 52			
Emerged					
Winter Wheat	28	7	33	30	
Harvested					
Barley	98	91	100	100	
Corn for Grain	2	n/a	8	7	
Corn for Silage	79	65	97	88	
Durum Wheat	92	91	100	94	
Lentils	96	95	100	n/a	
Spring Wheat	99	95	100	99	
Sugar Beets	10	n/a	20	16	
Hay Second Cutting					
All Other Hay	88	81	94	95	

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Soil Moisture & Field Work Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg					
Topsoil Moisture									
Very Short	13	17	11	23					
Short	23	19	37	34					
Adequate	62	63	49	41					
Surplus	2	1	3	2					
Subsoil Moisture									
Very Short	22	27	36	39					
Short	34	26	33	37					
Adequate	43	47	30	23					
Surplus	1	0	1	1					
Days Suitable for Fieldwork									
Days	6.3	6.3	4.8	5.7					



Drought map can be accessed through the Seasonal Drought Outlook link at: http://www.drought.noaa.gov/

Livestock Report

Range and pasture feed conditions declined from the previous week. Thirty-four percent is rated good to excellent compared to 37 percent the previous week. Conditions remain better than last year and the five-year average. Movement of both cattle and sheep from summer ranges is progressing faster than last year and the five-year average. Ranchers have just begun supplemental feeding of livestock.

Range & Livestock Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg						
Range and Pasture Feed Condition										
Very Poor	10	10	16	20						
Poor	18	17	22	25						
Fair	38	36	35	34						
Good	31	35	24	19						
Excellent	3	2	3	2						
Livestock Moved From S	Summer F	Ranges								
Cattle and Calves	51	34	38	49						
Sheep and Lambs	58	41	37	47						
Livestock Receiving Supplemental Feed										
Cattle and Calves	4	n/a	n/a	n/a						
Sheep and Lambs	2	n/a	n/a	n/a						

Weather Information for the Week ending 10/05/2008

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Station ID	Te Hi	mperatu LOW	re AVG	GD B50	Ds DFN	This \ Total	Week DFN	A _l Total	oril 1 to Da	ite %NRM	Octo Total	ober 1 to DFN	Date %NRM
NORTHWEST Alberton	83	33	57	54	+40	0.56	+0.35	8.56	+0.32	104	0.56	+0.41	373
Anaconda	82	35 35	57 58	60	+40 +50	0.56	+0.35 -0.02	9.33	+0.32 +0.20	104	0.56	+0.41 +0.04	373 127
Clinton	79	35	58	56	+56	0.14	-0.07	10.35	+2.55	133	0.14	-0.01	93
Corvallis	77	34	55	40	+24	0.13	-0.08	5.48	-2.12	72	0.13	-0.02	87
Creston	75 81	36 28	55 54	37 32	+31 +26	0.40 0.33	+0.10 +0.15	10.54 7.66	-1.64 -0.65	87 92	0.40 0.33	+0.20 +0.21	200 275
Deer Lodge Drummond	79	20 30	55 55	36	+26	0.33	+0.13	8.59	+0.33	104	0.33	+0.21	153
Hamilton	73	39	58	55	+43	0.00	-0.21	2.62	-5.13	34	0.00	-0.15	0
Kalispell	77	37	57	54	+50	0.16	-0.06	8.38	-1.19	88	0.16	+0.01	107
Missoula	79 75	37 28	59 51	67 12	+53	0.18 0.38	-0.03	7.03	-1.21 -2.56	85 77	0.18 0.38	+0.03 +0.18	120
Olney Polson	75 72	∠o 38	55	36	+12 +18	0.38	+0.10 +0.18	8.51 9.81	-2.50 -0.12	77 99	0.38	+0.18 +0.26	190 230
St Ignatius	75	35	55	39	+22	0.63	+0.35	10.69	+0.15	101	0.63	+0.43	315
Seeley Lake	82	28	55	41	+33	0.08	-0.20	6.58	-2.76	70	0.08	-0.12	40
Sula	85	24	53	29	+29	0.20	-0.08	8.79	-1.38	86	0.20	+0.00	100
Superior Swan Lake	81 74	24 31	56 53	43 20	+22 +19	0.26 0.20	+0.05 -0.22	12.01 10.93	+3.60 -1.60	143 87	0.26 0.20	+0.11 -0.10	173 67
Thompson Falls	80	40	60	75	+49	0.29	+0.01	8.39	-1.39	86	0.29	+0.09	145
West Glacier	71	34	54	28	+22	0.09	-0.33	11.59	-1.89	86	0.09	-0.21	30
NORTH CENTRAL	00	00		45	. 04	0.00	0.44	40.40	. 4.00	400	0.00	0.40	•
Chester Chinook	82 80	32 35	56 57	45 50	+31 +38	0.00	-0.14 -0.23	10.10 11.70	+1.80 +1.53	122 115	0.00	-0.10 -0.15	0
Choteau	82	29	56	42	+22	0.00	-0.23 -0.12	11.70	+2.53	129	0.00	-0.13	20
Cut Bank	82	33	57	55	+45	0.03	-0.12	12.25	+2.07	120	0.03	-0.07	30
Ft Assinniboine	82	35	59	62	+45	0.00	-0.22	10.38	+0.43	104	0.00	-0.15	0
Fort Benton	85 82	32 32	58 58	55 56	+29 +44	0.03 0.00	-0.18 -0.22	12.09 13.05	+1.90 +2.33	119 122	0.03 0.00	-0.12 -0.15	20 0
Goldbutte Harlem	82	32 33	58 58	60	+44 +44	0.00	-0.22 -0.21	9.33	+2.33 +0.09	101	0.00	-0.15 -0.15	0
Havre	83	33	59	63	+47	0.00	-0.18	8.79	+0.31	104	0.00	-0.12	0
Malta	82	36	61	80	+66	0.41	+0.20	9.65	-0.44	96	0.41	+0.26	273
Rudyard	79	36 36	57 50	48 55	+32	0.00	-0.14 0.14	11.47	+3.33	141	0.00	-0.10	0
Shelby Turner	83 78	36 36	58 59	55 63	+43 +49	0.00 0.43	-0.14 +0.25	10.47 10.97	+1.25 +1.83	114 120	0.00 0.43	-0.10 +0.31	0 358
Valier	83	37	60	70	+50	0.43	-0.14	10.37	+0.10	101	0.43	-0.08	27
NORTHEAST													
Bredette	80	36	60	74	+59	0.23	+0.01	9.56	-1.17	89	0.23	+0.08	153
Culbertson Glasgow	81 82	29 36	59 63	65 89	+48 +73	0.39 0.10	+0.12 -0.11	7.43 10.53	-3.68 +1.69	67 119	0.39 0.10	+0.20 -0.05	205 67
Glendive	81	34	61	79	+56	0.10	-0.05	8.73	-1.90	82	0.10	+0.03	115
Jordan	83	29	60	72	+55	0.08	-0.18	9.35	-0.44	96	0.08	-0.10	44
Nashua	83	32	62	88	+59	0.20	-0.02	11.06	+1.46	115	0.20	+0.05	133
Opheim Plentywood	77 77	28 27	59 59	68 64	+60 +52	0.17 0.23	-0.05 +0.00	11.27 8.99	+0.75 -1.57	107 85	0.17 0.23	+0.02 +0.08	113 153
St Marie	78	36	60	74	+58	0.23	+0.00	8.43	-0.41	95	0.23	+0.06	140
Scobey	79	31	58	58	+48	0.22	+0.05	13.46	+3.11	130	0.22	+0.10	183
Sidney	80	29	59	66	+44	0.27	-0.02	7.07	-3.99	64	0.27	+0.07	135
Wolf Point CENTRAL	81	29	61	76	+56	0.08	-0.14	9.89	+0.39	104	0.08	-0.07	53
Cascade	82	25	55	38	+28	0.02	-0.26	13.65	+2.50	122	0.02	-0.18	10
Grass Range	82	35	59	62	+45	0.14	-0.11	13.52	+1.10	109	0.14	-0.03	82
Great Falls	85	37	60	68	+53	0.01	-0.22	11.51	+0.85	108	0.01	-0.15	6
Harlowton Helena	81 82	38 41	58 61	56 81	+42 +66	0.10 0.04	-0.11 -0.15	13.64 6.41	+2.76 -1.92	125 77	0.10 0.04	-0.05 -0.09	67 31
Lewistown	83	34	59	65	+53	0.04	-0.13	13.16	+0.36	103	0.04	-0.03	35
Martinsdale	87	27	56	40	+30	0.00	-0.21	8.95	-1.48	86	0.00	-0.15	0
Neihart	81	31	56	42	+30	0.00	-0.37	14.94	-0.37	98	0.00	-0.25	0
Rogers Pass Roundup	85 84	29 32	56 59	43 65	+32 +40	0.54 0.32	+0.20 +0.04	14.51 13.17	+1.67 +2.97	113 129	0.54 0.32	+0.30 +0.12	225 160
Ryegate	81	32 38	58	57	+45	0.32	-0.04	11.82	+1.97	129	0.32	+0.12	100
Stanford	83	38	60	70	+52	0.00	-0.28	11.97	-0.92	93	0.00	-0.20	0
Townsend	80	31	55	41	+23	0.01	-0.14	5.73	-2.57	69	0.01	-0.09	10
Valentine Wht Sulphur Spr	83 80	35 31	58 56	56 45	+45 +35	0.11 0.10	-0.10 -0.18	12.61 8.96	+2.35 -0.88	123 91	0.11 0.10	-0.04 -0.10	73 50
SOUTHWEST	30	Ji	50	+3	. 55	0.10	0.10	0.90	-0.00	ان		0.10	30
Boulder	80	32	56	45	+35	0.14	-0.01	7.17	-1.62	82	0.14	+0.04	140
Bozeman	81	36	59	69	+52	0.25	-0.17	14.80	+1.65	113	0.25	-0.05	83
Butte	81 82	30 37	54 59	36 66	+35 +55	0.12 0.01	-0.09 -0.17	7.20 4.87	-1.98 -2.98	78 62	0.12 0.01	-0.03 -0.11	80
Dillon Ennis	86	37 26	59 56	44	+32	0.01	-0.17 -0.26	8.22	-2.98 -1.68	83	0.01	-0.11 -0.19	8 5
Lakeview	79	32	55	40	+40	0.24	-0.14	6.37	-6.05	51	0.24	-0.02	92
W Yellowstone	79	31	54	33	+33	0.18	-0.10	8.76	-2.01	81	0.18	-0.02	90
Wisdom SOUTH CENTRAL	79	19	50	10	+10	0.20	-0.01	6.90	-1.11	86	0.20	+0.05	133
Billings	81	41	62	84	+58	0.32	-0.03	10.07	+0.24	102	0.32	+0.07	128
Cooke City	78	32	55	38	+38	0.16	-0.20	7.70	-6.06	56	0.16	-0.09	64
Gardiner	84	39	60	74	+53	0.07	-0.14	3.27	-3.58	48	0.07	-0.08	47
Hardin	87 82	34 30	60 57	75 51	+42 +33	0.55	+0.20	11.39 11.28	+3.04 +1.25	136	0.55	+0.30 +0.05	220
Huntley Hysham	79	30 33	57 59	62	+33 +35	0.27 0.60	-0.05 +0.26	10.88	+1.25 +1.05	112 111	0.27 0.60	+0.05 +0.36	123 250
Jóliet	83	33	58	56	+39	0.26	-0.12	9.84	-0.68	94	0.26	-0.02	93
Livingston	86	31	60	70	+53	0.13	-0.18	9.55	-1.94	83	0.13	-0.09	59
Nye	80	30	56	46	+28	0.14	-0.27	15.96	+2.49	118	0.14	-0.15	48
Rapelje SOUTHEAST	82	33	59	63	+43	0.20	-0.14	12.16	+1.28	112	0.20	-0.04	83
Albion	80	33	58	59	+46	0.00	-0.26	20.39	+8.93	178	0.00	-0.19	0
Baker	80	29	59	66	+47	0.07	-0.27	10.00	-0.94	91	0.07	-0.18	28
Broadus	84	32	58	60	+37	0.30	+0.02	15.09	+5.40	156	0.30	+0.10	150
Ekalaka Miles City	76 86	32 39	59 65	65 103	+46 +77	0.14 0.00	-0.28 -0.28	14.82 8.86	+2.11 -1.32	117 87	0.14 0.00	-0.16 -0.20	47 0
Plevna	80	39 25	59	64	+// +45	0.00	-0.28 -0.27	10.05	-1.32 -0.89	87 92	0.00	-0.20 -0.18	28
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